

WORLD OF LABOR.

ECHOES FROM THE BUSY MILL
AND THE WORKSHOP.

News and Happenings of Special Interest in the Various Fields Where the Mechanic and Artisan Hold Sway Night and Day.

Frisco police carry axes.
Cincinnati police use bicycles.
There are seven negro colleges.
Horse clippers cost \$120 a pair.
The longest bridge is 9144 feet.
Washington has a black cat farm.
The first rope was made in 1641.
A Krupp gun fires fourteen miles.
England imports eggs from Russia.
Charles V. carried a 29-pound watch.
Illinois makes aluminum slate pencils.
A Paris telegraph office employs 900.
In '92 the United States laid 4804 miles of railroad.
Maryland has an electric freight line.
The pneumatic tube dates from 1667.
London eats 1,600,000 sheep a year.
A tobacco plant yields 390,000 seeds.
Holland has 2950 miles of railroads.
France boasts 9000 telegraph bureaux.
British India licenses 10,147 opium shops.
Canada railroads stretch 15,588 miles.
Aluminum has been discovered at Duluth.
Morris, Mich., has a 9-year-old telegrapher.
Uncle Sam has twenty-two spirit-ualistic papers.
Great Britain has 20,000 trained nurses.
A London house is papered with stamps.
New Yorkers want bread sold by weight.
Men's corsets find lively sale in England.
Bricks are made of plaster of paris and cork.
Mice skin is the fabric in a Russian coat.
An ocean racer uses \$13,000 in coal each trip.
It costs 2 1/2 cents to put up a can of tomatoes.
Queen Victoria's crown is worth \$1,200,000.
Uncle Sam has \$1,620,000,000 in circulation.
Last year's wheat crop was 519,480,000 bushels.
Williamsport has the biggest suspender mill.
Wisconsin streams yield \$100,000 in pearls a year.
England's attorney-general gets \$35,000 a year.
Melbourne has built the first Australian locomotive.
At Plant City, Fla., strawberries are five cents a quart.
England used the telephone 96,409,000 times in '92.
The tail of the beaver gave the hint for the trowel of the mason.
In small towns in Germany only chimney sweeps wear pig hats.
There is a railroad in Peru that is 15,638 feet above the level of the sea.
Six ounces of gold are sufficient to gild a wire that would encircle the earth.
Fully 25 per cent. of all the champagne made is lost by the bursting of bottles.
The King of Italy, like his famous father, Victor Emmanuel, only takes one meal a day.
Senator Stanford has a vineyard of 3500 acres, the largest, it is said, in America.
It is estimated that there were 19,373 papers published in the United States and Canada last year.
Texas permits high-toned convicts to hire substitutes to work for them in the convict camps.
Two morning newspapers in Raleigh, N. C., are published by the same staff and at the same office.
A dollar loaned for 100 years and compounded at 2 1/2 per cent. will amount in that time to \$2,551,799,404.
The largest tomb in the world is the Pyramid of Cheops—461 feet high and covering 13 acres of ground.
The care of the forests in Germany supports 250,000 families and involves an annual expenditure of \$40,000,000.
In 1720 the first clocks were introduced, to be placed in churches, the hourglass having been previously used.
Gold can be beaten 1200 times thinner than ordinary printing paper; one ounce can be made to cover 1460 square feet.
The highest railroad in the United States is the Denver and Rio Grande, at Marshall Pass—10,855 feet above the sea.
The largest church in the world is St. Peter's in Rome; the smallest a church 10 feet square, in the Isle of Man.
A newspaper may be sent from any part of the United States to Stanley Falls, Africa, 1000 miles beyond Stanley pool, for 4 cents.
For several years past nearly all the state pencils used throughout the United States have been made at one factory in Charlottesville, Va.
Geologists consider kerosene to be animal oil. Hence what we burn in lamps is the remains of long extinct monsters of the earth.
The largest gothic church in the world is the Cologne cathedral. Its foundation stones were laid in 1248 and the edifice was completed in 1580.
The most expensive fur is the skin of the black fox of Kamtschatka. These animals are scarce and hard to kill, and a single skin sells for about \$1000.
Some curious things will be seen on the World's Fair grounds if all the cranks have their way. One good woman from Kansas wants to open a "mending bureau" on the grounds. She thinks that a great many men may lose a button or some women fear their gowns.

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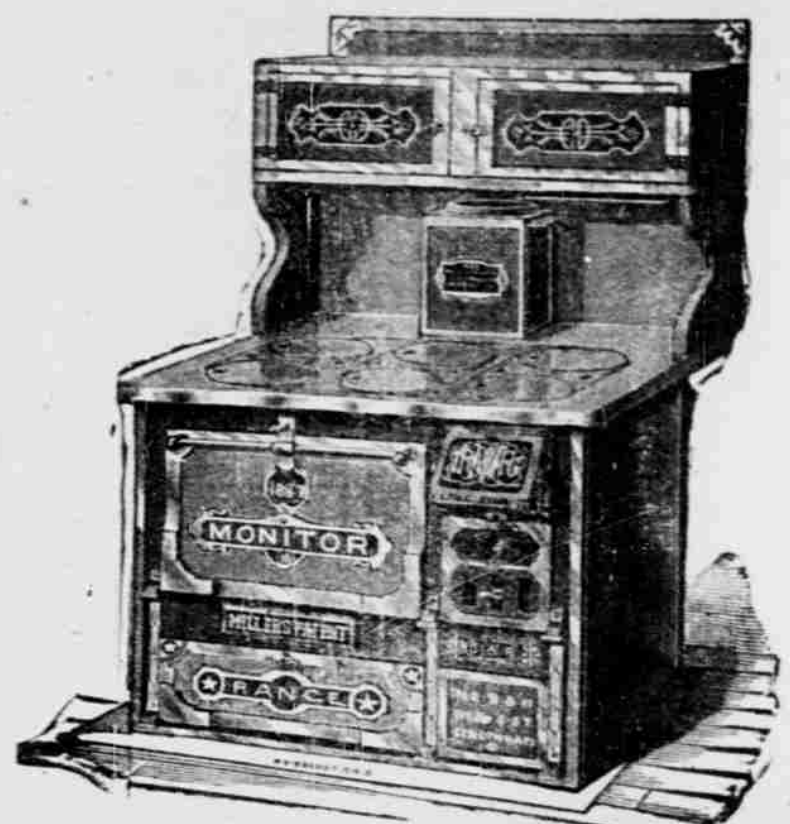
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